

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of species II, claims 3-7 and 10-13 in the reply filed on July 31, 2007 is acknowledged. Claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 14-66 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 3-7 and 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Jansen et al. (US 6,243,450).

With respect to claims 3 and 10, Jansen teaches a method an apparatus comprising:

a monitor; a user interactive device; and a computer processor with is eclectically connected to the monitor and the user interactive device(Fig. 1, Col. 3, 15-23, and 31-35 "a computer" includes 'touch screen' reads on monitor, 'keyboard' reads on a user interactive device mouse and keyboard, which is eclectically connected to the monitor and user interactive device);

wherein the computer cause the monitor to display a menu of a plurality of telecommunication or internet carriers (Col. 9, lines 1-4) and upon a user selecting a first carrier to the plurality of telecommunication or internet carriers and upon a user selecting

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a first carrier of the plurality of telecommunication or internet carriers via the user interactive device, the computer process enables communicate via the first carrier (Col. 6, lines 47-51 and Col. 8, lines 48-52).

With respect to claims 4 and 11, Jansen teaches all elements of claims 3 and 10, furthermore, Jansen teaches the apparatus further comprising a means for receiving money (Col. 2, lines 21-22, where "a payment receiver" reads on means for receiving money); wherein the computer processor enables communication via the first carrier only if a first amount of money is received by the means of receiving money (Col. 2, lines 21-26).

With respect to claims 5 and 12, Jansen teaches all elements of claims 3, 4 and 10; furthermore, Jansen teaches the means for receiving money includes a credit/debit/prepaid card reader (Fig. 5, 152 Card Reader, col. 4, lines 16-17, credit card and Col. 5, lines 20-21).

With respect to claims 6 and 13, Jansen teaches all elements of claims 3, 4 and 10, furthermore, Jansen teaches the means for receiving money includes a currency bill validator (Fig. 10, 306, where "receipt" reads on currency bill validator and Col. 12, lines 35-56) .

With respect to claim 7, Jansen teaches a method comprising the steps of receiving money for a pay per use computer (Col. 1, lines 60-67); and enabling operation of the pay per use computer via the internet (Col. 2, lines 9-11).

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SABA DAGNEW whose telephone number is (571)270-3271. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric W. Stamber can be reached on 571-272-6724. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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